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11-10 a.m. SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR:—"The fact is this. The dead bodies were found . . ."

MR. SPEAKER:—"The Hon. the Chief Minister said that if the hon. Member would put it in writing and give it to him, he would make an enquiry into the matter. Now, I pass on to the next question."

Relief measures for Thirumayam and Kolathur taluks.

* 266 *Q.*—SRI R. M. PALANIAPPAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state what steps the Government have taken to relieve the famine conditions in Thirumayam and Kolathur taluks, Tiruchirappalli district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"Ninety-seven Minor Irrigation Works and 68 Rural Water Supply works are in progress in the two taluks. A sum of Rs. 3,40,550 has been disbursed as loans since 1st April 1951 in Thirumayam taluk and Rs. 2,39,410 in Kolathur taluk. Land Revenue remission on a liberal scale has been sanctioned and collection of loan instalments and cesses has been postponed. The Military Authorities have been requested to sink drinking water wells to relieve water scarcity."

Application of Shop Assistants Act to hospitals and dispensaries.

* 267 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Shops and Establishments Act, 1947, has been extended to hospitals and dispensaries?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"No, Sir. The Act does not apply to hospitals and dispensaries attached to doctors' consulting rooms as they have been permanently exempted by the Government from all the provisions of the Act."

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO:—"In view of the fact that nurses and compounders employed in private hospitals and dispensaries are not paid their salaries regularly and reasonably, will the Government consider the desirability of extending the Act to private hospitals and dispensaries?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"Sir, the Government are not aware of any such representations being made to them. But as these are essential services, the Government, when they framed the Act, thought that they should be exempted from the operation of the Act."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI:—"Will the Government make an enquiry from the State Government of Bombay whether such an exemption has been granted in the Bombay State?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"The matter will be considered."